Please include my comments below into public record for Senate pre-confirmation hearing on the appointment of <u>Norman Saari</u> to the <u>Michigan Public Service Commission</u> (MPSC).

Please, I respectfully ask that you **DO NOT CONFIRM** Mr. Norman Saari's confirmation to the Michigan Public Service Commission (MPSC) because Mr. Norman Saari has a significant conflict of interest and bias in favor of energy companies.

Mr. Saari served as the Executive Director Of Governmental Affairs At Consumers Energy Company for 20 years. This is a significant conflict of interest as his job as member of the Michigan Public Service Commission (MPSC) is to regulate our states energy companies and look out for the public interest in all energy related matters.

We need members on the Michigan Public Service Commission who have no conflict of interest and ties to energy companies, so that the public interest is put top priority over corporate interests. Thank you.

Sincerely, Beth Bechtel 1165 Cliffdale Drive Haslett, MI 48840 Telephone: 517-339-0428